

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2011**

The single meeting for the month of December of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held on Monday, December 12, 2011, in the cafeteria of Kickemuit Middle School, 525 Child Street, Warren, RI. The Chairperson, John C. Bento, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:10 PM.

Present: John C. Bento, Chair, Paul Silva, Vice-Chair, William M. O'Dell, Treasurer, Karen A. Lynch, Secretary, Denise R. Arsenault, Diane B. Campbell, Marjorie J. McBride, Susan Rancourt and John P. Saviano; Melinda L. Thies, Superintendent; Mario J. Andrade, Assistant Superintendent; Pauline A. Silva, Director of Administration and Finance; Mary N. Almeida, Director of Literacy and Title I; Leslie J. Anderson, Director of Pupil Personnel Services; and Andrew D. Henneous, Esq., District Solicitor

Absent: none

OPENING BUSINESS

All present were invited to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC FORUM

None

As the District's Auditor was present to review the audit report, Chairman Bento addressed the audit recommendation early in the meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION #S2011-55: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and supported by the Budget/ Facilities Subcommittee, accept the audit report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2011

MOTION: Mrs. McBride motioned to approve; Mr. Silva seconded. Mr. O'Dell asked the auditor, Mr. James Wilkinson of Braver, to review the summary sheet of the audit report.

Mr. Wilkinson's Summary Report follows.

Mr. Wilkinson explained the one comment in the recommendation letter was regarding a signature of authority in the student activities fund. Mr. Silva commented to the Superintendent that he recalls years in the past when there were a few pages of comments and Mrs. Silva and her staff are to be commended for this review. Mr. Saviano and Mrs. Arsenault echoed the sentiment. Mrs. Thies also

commended Mrs. Silva for her efforts and expertise saying she treats the District budget as if it were her own; she is quite frugal. Mr. Bento thanked Mr. Wilkinson as well as the Budget Staff for an exceptional job. The motion to approve passed by a vote of 9 to 0.

Recommendation #S 2011-54: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the request of one (1) Bristol family and one (1) Warren family to home school their children for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year, adhering to all requirements as set forth by the Bristol Warren Regional School District

Mr. Silva motioned to approve. Mr. O'Dell seconded and commented on the peculiarity of a request for home schooling for a 12th grader. Dr. Andrade explained the high school student has been homeschooled right along and the 2nd and 4th graders are new to the District. The motion to approved passed by a vote of 8 to 1, with Mrs. McBride opposed.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Mr. Silva motioned to approve the consent agenda. Mrs. Campbell seconded. Mrs. Campbell asked to remove the minutes to the November 28, 2011 Meeting for a correction.

The motion to approve the remainder of the consent agenda passed by a vote of 9 to 0.

MOTION: Mr. Silva motioned to seal the minutes to the November 14, 2011 Executive Sessions; Mr. Saviano seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mrs. McBride motioned to approve the minutes to the November 28, 2011 Meeting and Executive Session. Mrs. Campbell requested to change “their either cannot participate, . .” to “if either cannot participate. . .” on Page 2. The motion to approve as amended passed by a vote of 9 to 0.

MOTION: Mrs. Campbell motioned to seal the minutes to the November 28, 2011 Executive Session. Mr. Saviano seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. O'Dell said the Subcommittee is meeting next Monday at 6:30 PM in the Administration Building; the agenda will include out-of-district commissions, “the incredible sinking locker room” at Mt. Hope High School with a review of the SMMA report outlining the problem.

POLICY/ COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE

Mrs. Arsenault reported the next meeting will be Monday, January 30th at 5:30 PM; the agenda has not been set yet.

PERSONNEL/ CONTRACT NEGOTIATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Saviano said there have been two mediation sessions to date with the next session scheduled for Wednesday; they are moving along as best as they can.

WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Campbell said their next meeting is December 15 at 4:00 PM in Room M108 of Mt. Hope High School; the group will discuss the celebration of wellness week and review of the wellness policy.

CHAIRPERSON'S INITIATIVES

Coach Reports from Interscholastic League Referees

Mr. Bento said this information is used by the League to determine the Coach of the Year; he requested the Superintendent research this.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND ISSUES

Recommendation S2011-53 A-G: CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL

A. APPOINTMENTS: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicant to the position of Title III Family Involvement Coordinator (Part Time) as listed below:

- 1. Cristina Soares Title III Family Involvement Coordinator (Part Time)**

Effective: November 28, 2011, for the remainder of the 2011-12 school year only

Reason: To fill a vacancy in accordance with grant funding

Funding: Title III Grant

B. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicants to the extracurricular positions listed below for the 2011-12 school year only (pending certification, funding and sufficient sign-ups to warrant running these programs):

WINTER COACHES – MT. HOPE HIGH

Sport Position Coach

- 1. Hockey Asst. Coach Christopher Dugan ***

SPRING COACHES – MT. HOPE HIGH

Sport Position Coach

- 2. Baseball (Boys) Head Coach Robert Millard**

HEALTHY HUSKIES WELLNESS CENTER/GYM AREA SUPERVISORS

- 3. Supervisor (Winter) Thomas DelSanto**
- 4. Supervisor (Winter) Gerard Spence**

*** Pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements**

C. HIGH SCHOOL EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following individuals for the 2011-12 session only of the Mt. Hope High School Extended Day Program contingent upon sufficient enrollment:

Name Position

- 1. Diane Nappi Mathematics Teacher**
- 2. Kristin N. Carbone * Mathematics/Science Teacher**

*** Pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements**

D. CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTES: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to place on file in the office of the Superintendent the following applications for certified substitutes pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements:

CERTIFIED

Name Area/Level

- 1. Jennifer A. Astrella General Subject Matter**
- 2. Peter F. Chapman English**
- 3. Erica L. Collamore General Subject Matter**
- 4. Jason E. DeAguair General Subject Matter**
- 5. Denise A. DeFanti General Subject Matter**
- 6. Jessica M. Diniz Elementary/Sp.Ed.**

- 7. Francis P. Rosato General Subject Matter**
- 8. Bonnie Schuman Computer Science/Sp.Ed.**
- 9. Nancy D. Smith Elementary/Rdg. Specialist**
- 10. Raymond A. Stein General Subject Matter**
- 11. Matthew P. Urban General Subject Matter**

E. CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to place on file in the office of the Superintendent the following application for a classified substitute pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements:

SECRETARIAL

- 1. Donna C. Strickland**

F. LEAVES OF ABSENCE: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant a leave of absence for a Secondary Science Teacher as follows:

- 1. Raquel Goulart Science Teacher – Mt. Hope High**

Effective: February 19, 2012, for 6-8 weeks

Reason: Maternity leave in accordance with

Article 21, Section L1 of the Master

Agreement

G. RESIGNATIONS: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignations of Constance M. Labao from the position of Teacher Assistant, Carol A. Glanville from the position of Elementary Teacher and David C. Cox from the position of Secondary Mathematics Teacher as listed below:

1. Constance M. Labao Teacher Assistant - Guiteras

Effective: December 31, 2011

Reason: Retirement

2. Carol A. Glanville Grade One Teacher – Colt Andrews

Effective: November 25, 2011

Reason: Retirement

3. David C. Cox Mathematics Teacher – Mt. Hope High

Effective: End of 2011-12 School Year

Reason: Retirement

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 7:28 PM

MOTION: In accordance with open meetings law 42-26-5(a)(1-2), at 7:28 PM Mrs. McBride motioned to go into Executive Session for an update on collective bargaining and discussion of the Superintendent's Action Plan. The motion passed unanimously. Mrs.

Arsenault will recuse herself from the collective bargaining discussion. The Chair announced no votes will be taken during Executive Session and only the adjournment of the meeting will occur when open session resumes.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING – 7:58 PM

Mr. Bento reported that in Executive Session the School Committee discussed the above topics. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT – 7:59 PM

MOTION: There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Lynch, seconded by Mrs. Rancourt, motioned to adjourn at 7:59 PM. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Lynch, Secretary

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